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FORMER POSTAL EMPLOYEE SENTENCED TO 41 MONTHS CUSTODY

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced today that Louis M. Holley of Phoenix, Arizona was sentenced to 41 Months in custody of the Bureau of Prisons by United States District Judge Earl H. Carroll in Phoenix, Arizona.

On June 1, 2001, Holley, a postal employee stole approximately \$3.2 million from the United States Postal Service. He fled Arizona and remained a fugitive until August 17, 2001 when he was apprehended in the State of Washington. When he was arrested, federal agents recovered \$1,771,080.92 in cash and \$1,511.21 in checks for a total of \$1,772,592.13. Unrecovered funds included \$43,772.90 in cash and \$1,387,928.83 in checks and money orders. The defendant later stated that he disposed of the stolen checks and money orders in large trash containers in Boise, Idaho and Spokane and Seattle Washington.

In addition to 41 months incarceration, the court ordered restitution to the United States Postal Service in the amount of \$470,568.52.00.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Postal Inspection Service.

The prosecution was handled by Darcy A. Cerow, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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